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SUBJECT: SOVIET NATURAL GAS FOR THE FRG

1. ACCORDING TO SEPT 6 NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE GERMAN RUHRGAS AG AND THE SOVIET V/O SOJUZNAFTA EXPORT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS ON A THIRD CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY OF RUSSIAN NATURAL GAS TO THE FRG. THE CONTRACT, INVOLVING A GAS VOLUME OF BETWEEN 1.5 AND 2.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF GAS PER YEAR FROM 1978 THROUGH 2000, IS PLANNED TO BE SIGNED IN MOSCOW IN OCT. TOGETHER WITH THE QUANTITIES COVERED IN TWO EARLIER CONTRACTS OF 1970 AND 1972, A TOTAL OF 8.5 BILLION CUBIC METERS OF SOVIET NATURAL GAS WILL THUS BE AT GERMAN DISPOSAL BY 1980.

2. LIKE THE TWO PRECEEDING CONTRACTS, THE NEW CONTRACT IS ALSO PART OF A TRIANGULAR TRANSACTION
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UNDER WHICH THE GERMAN STEEL INDUSTRY--PRIMARILY

MANNESMANN--WILL DELIVER LARGE PIPES INTO THE
SOVIET UNION WHICH WILL BE PAID FOR THROUGH GAS
DELIVERIES.
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